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Finance Director to head DEQ's Support Services

Salt Lake City, Utah – Craig Silotti has been appointed director of Support Services to oversee the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) estimated \$51 million budget and other Department administrative services.

Silotti, the finance director for nearly 13 years, will replace Steve Higley who retired in December. Higley served as the director of Support Services since DEQ became a Department 18 years ago.

Bill Sinclair, acting executive director of DEQ, made the announcement today.

"Craig has extensive financial experience. He will step into the Support Services director position in a seamless fashion."

Silotti has been the finance director since February 1996. Prior to his employment with DEQ, he worked in the State Auditor's Office for 11 years.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to strengthen our relationships with our federal, state and local financial partners," Silotti said.

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